

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Sumter County Jail of the Mentally Ill, Florida Criminal Justice Mental Health & Substance Abuse Reinvestment Act Strategic Plan

REQUESTED ACTION: Strategic Plan Approval

☐ Work Session (Report Only)

DATE OF MEETING: 9/29/2009

☒ Regular Meeting

☐ Special Meeting

CONTRACT: ☒ N/A

Vendor/Entity: _____

Effective Date: _____

Termination Date: _____

Managing Division / Dept: _____

Community Services/Community Services Admin.

BUDGET IMPACT: _____

☐ Annual

FUNDING SOURCE: _____

☐ Capital

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT: _____

☒ N/A

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

The Public Safety Coordinating Council, chaired by Commissioner Gilpin, has during the past year developed the Sumter County Jail of the Mentally Ill, Florida Criminal Justice Mental Health & Substance Abuse Reinvestment Act Strategic Plan.

On September 15th, 2009 the plan was presented to the BOCC in a workshop. The Council is now requesting BOCC approval of the attached plan.

Sumter County Jail Diversion of the Mentally III

→ Florida Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CJMHSa) Reinvestment Act Strategic Plan
Effective Date: July 1, 2009

Objectives in "red" have been completed; "green" in process

| CJMHSa Reinvestment Act Jail Diversion Goals | Objectives | Expected Outcomes/Actions | Key Partners | Timetable Deadline |
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| Short Term Goals: 1-2 Years | | | | |
| <i>1. Create a Structure and Process for Planning and Evaluation</i> | 1.1 Re-affirm the Public Safety Coordinating Council's (PSCC) commitment to ongoing diversion planning and implementation monitoring and evaluation. | PSCC members agree to continue working on the diversion plan with approval of Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). | PSCC Members | July 2009 |
| | 1.2 Create processes and committee structure to ensure ongoing strategic plan monitoring and evaluation. | PSCC bylaws or mission, vision and work statements that details how the strategic plan monitoring and evaluation will occur. | PSCC Members with technical support from WellFlorida Council (WFC) and/or the Florida CJMHSa Technical Assistance Center (TAC) | August 2009 |
| | 1.3 Establish a Strategic Planning Implementation Oversight Committee (SPIOC). | Committee membership identified and scope of work defined. | PSCC Members with technical support from WFC and/or TAC | August 2009 |
| | 1.4 Establish an Evaluation Committee (EC). | Committee membership identified and scope of work defined. | PSCC Members with technical support from WFC and/or TAC | August 2009 |
| | 1.5 Identify priority for first major work activity. | First priority to address is identified and action plan to achieve is determined. | PSCC Members | July 2009 |
| | 1.6 Seek local, state, federal or private grant funding to support planning and implementation of selected priority. | At least one completed and submitted application to submit ongoing planning and/or implementation activities. | PSCC Members and Other Key Stakeholders | February 2010 and Ongoing |
| <i>2. Divert Individuals from Jails to Services via a Mental Health Diversion</i> | 2.1 Conduct demand and cost assessment for such a court. | Demand and cost study detailing potential utilization and cost of court. | SPIOC or designated group with technical support from TAC | September 2009 |

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| <i>Court</i> | 2.2 Identify appropriate court model for our community. | Review report of best practices and site visits to existing courts. | SPIOC or designated group PSCC members | September 2009 |
| | 2.3 Develop operational and eligibility policies, procedures and protocols | Manual or document of proposed court policies, procedures and protocols. | SPIOC or designated group PSCC members Other key stakeholders | December 2009 |
| | 2.4 Identify potential lead agency. | Lead agency identified and memorandum of understanding or agreement executed pending funding availability. | SPIOC or designated group PSCC members Other key stakeholders | December 2009 |
| | 2.5 Secure funding. | Local, state, federal or private grant or recurring funding is identified and secured. | SPIOC or designated group PSCC members Other key stakeholders | April 2010 |
| | 2.6 Appropriate agreements are negotiated and signed. | Begin Screening & Direct Jail Diversion | All parties who are required to fulfill obligations under the court structure | April 2010 |
| <i>3. Expand Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Opportunities for Sumter County</i> | 3.1 Provide education on what CIT opportunities are currently available. | Enhanced advertisement or marketing of CIT courses to law enforcement, corrections and first responder personnel in Sumter County. | LifeStream Behavioral Health Care SPIOC or designated group Sheriff and Police Department administrations Jail administration | July 2009 |
| | 3.2 Investigate CIT training model that would work best for Sumter County. | Review of CIT best and promising practices around the country. Also, an assessment to determine the barriers to conventional CIT in Sumter County (if any). | LifeStream Behavioral Health Care SPIOC or designated group | September 2009 |
| | 3.3 Investigate how training could be brought directly to Sumter County | Assessment of technical, physical and logistical concerns | LifeStream Behavioral Health Care | December 2009 |

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| | rather than be conducted outside of the county. | and constraints of current CIT training and how they can be overcome. | SPIOC or designated group | |
| | 3.4 Create specialized CIT training opportunities with a separate approach for corrections officers and a separate approach for law enforcement officials. | | LifeStream Behavioral Health Care SPIOC or designated group Sheriff and Police Department administrations Jail administration | April 2010 |
| | 3.5 Investigate participation in the statewide Florida CIT Council. | Determine how to participate and begin sending representation from Sumter County. | SPIOC or designated group | December 2009 |
| | 3.6 Graduate Sumter County law enforcement and corrections personnel from the CIT program. | The CIT training will become operational in a manner befitting Sumter County's needs. | LifeStream Behavioral Health Care SPIOC or designated group Sheriff and Police Department administrations Jail administration | June 2010 |
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| <i>4. Enhance the Ability of the Jail to Provide More Effective and Useful Mental Health</i> | 4.1 Investigate mental health screening tools and best practices for their use. | Identify screening tool and process for Sumter County Jail | SPIOC or designated group Screening experts at TAC Jail administration LifeStream Behavioral Health Care | August 2009 |
| | 4.2 Develop screening tool usage protocols and decision tree. | Policies, procedures, protocols and processes for how the new mental health screening tool is utilized must be developed. | SPIOC or designated group | October 2009 |

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| | 4.3 Re-design intake forms and print or re-print intake forms accordingly to account for new mental health screening tool. | New intake forms will be developed or an additional form (the screen) will be added to the existing packet of forms to be completed. | Screening experts at TAC Jail administration LifeStream Behavioral Health Care | November 2009 |
| | 4.4 Train key personnel to administer the new mental health screening tool. | All key personnel who must administer the screen will be trained to effectively administer the screen. A database to store the new screening data will have to be developed or the existing database must be updated to include this new information. | Implementation Committee | January 2010 |
| <i>5. Enhance the discharge planning from the jail for persons with mental illness.</i> | 5.1 Create a resource list or manual that includes referral resources for persons with mental illness. | Printed and/or online manual that is regularly updated to include all community-based social service referral resources for persons with mental illness newly discharged from jail. | SPIOC or designated group Barbara Wheeler of the Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition Judge Morley | December 2009 |
| | 5.2 Create a mechanism to insure transportation for mentally ill persons to most critical mental health resource immediately upon release from jail. | Travel via existing public transportation and transportation disadvantaged providers for persons with mental illness immediately upon release from jail. May be a donated service or may have a slight cost paid for by person through a token or voucher system. | SPIOC or designated group Jail administration Person released from jail Transportation providers LifeStream Behavioral Health Care | December 2009 |
| | 5.3 Investigate opportunities to take advantage of the fact that the jail, LifeStream and Langley Medical Center all use the same psychiatrist for services. | Shared medical records or data or communications processes that will help facilitate a client's access to services once released from incarceration. | SPIOC or designated group Jail administration LifeStream Behavioral Health care | December 2009 |

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| | | | Langley Medical Center Person released from jail | |
| | 5.4 Investigate SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) training and other similar training that helps individual secure or re-instate benefits. | Implementation of this training in the jail and placement of an individual within the jail that can assist inmates with these benefit securing and re-instatement activities prior to their release. This could be a stand-alone program but would work most effectively with a full-time case manager. | Jail administration Department of Children and Families Local federal SSI office Barbara Wheeler of Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition Person to be released from jail | June 2010 |
| | 5.5 Implement a full-time case manager within the jail to address the in-house and community re-entry needs of inmates with mental illness. | Provide at least 1.0 FTE of case management capability to inmates with mental illness to assist them in transitioning back into the community upon release from jail. | BOCC Jail administration LifeStream Behavioral Health Care Inmate to be released from jail | December 2010 |
| Long-Term Goals: 3-5 Years | | | | |
| 6. Implement a mini-Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team | To be determined. | To be determined. | To be determined. | To be determined. |
| 7. Increase the Number of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (SAMH) Beds in Community | To be determined. | To be determined. | To be determined. | To be determined. |

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